

Egyptian Coptic Christians Protest for Human Rights, Equality, as President Obama Meets Mubarak

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"The Annual Report of the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** of May 2009, states: 'Serious problems of discrimination, intolerance, and other human rights violations against members of religious minorities (...) remain widespread in Egypt. The government has not taken sufficient steps to halt the repression of and discrimination against religious believers, including indigenous Coptic Orthodox Christians, or, in many cases, to punish those responsible for violence or other severe violations of religious freedom.' The Commission also recommends that 'the U.S. government urge the Egyptian government to remove de facto responsibility for religious affairs from the state security services (...)'"

"The Copts are not seeking special privileges or compensations for centuries of discrimination and persecution. They only demand internationally established human rights guarantees to live in their homeland as full-fledged citizens."